

APPEALS AND OTHER POST-CONVICTION MATTERS

Attorneys who wish to accept assignments for criminal appeals and other post-conviction matters must be individually approved and must complete a training requirement.

Training Requirement:

Applicants for certification to accept these cases must complete an Appeals and Post-Conviction Training Program offered by CPCS. The training requirement may be completed either before or soon after the applicant is approved for post-conviction certification.

Application Procedure:

The applicant should submit a letter to the CPCS Director of Criminal Appeals explaining in detail why his/her experience qualifies him/her for appeals and post-conviction assignments. A summary of appellate and trial experience should be included, as well as a resume. Two legal writing samples should be submitted with the letter of application, preferably at least one of which addresses a criminal law issue. The applicant should include the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references who are familiar with the applicant's abilities in legal research and writing, criminal defense and/or appellate practice.

The above package should be sent to:

Donald Bronstein
Director of Criminal Appeals
44 Bromfield Street
Boston, MA 02108

Certification:

Attorneys certified for Appeals and Post-Conviction assignments may receive assignments on criminal appeals, new trial motions, motions for relief from unlawful restraint, motions to revise and revoke, sentence appeals, and other post-conviction matters.

Performance Requirements:

By accepting these assignments, attorneys agree to abide by the Performance Standards Governing the Representation of Clients on Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Matters. A copy of these Performance Standards is provided with the acceptance letter and is contained in the CPCS Manual for Assigned Counsel.